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CALTRANS TO HOST PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR COLORADOR RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Parker, AZ - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will host a public information meeting Wednesday March 30, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (AZ time) at the Blake Primary School's Multipurpose Room at 701 South Navajo Avenue, Parker AZ.

The meeting will provide updated information regarding the proposed project to replace the Colorado River Bridge on California State Route 62/Arizona State Route 95 at the California/Arizona State Line.

The erosion-damaged bridge, which connects the communities of Parker, Arizona and Big River, California, will be replaced with a wider structure.

The estimated cost to replace the Colorado River Bridge ranges from \$21 million to \$35 million. The final cost will be determined based on selection of a preferred alternative once the environmental process is complete. Construction is slated to begin in spring of 2008 and be complete in summer of 2010.

There will be no formal presentation but rather an open house style meeting, which will include various project design layout displays for public review. Caltrans Project Management, Highway Operations, Design, Right-of-Way, and Environmental Studies representatives will be available to address questions or comments about the project.

This open house is an opportunity for the public to provide input into the project development and the environmental evaluation.

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